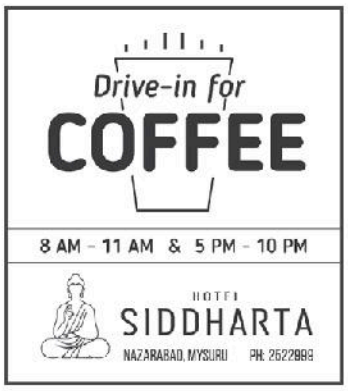

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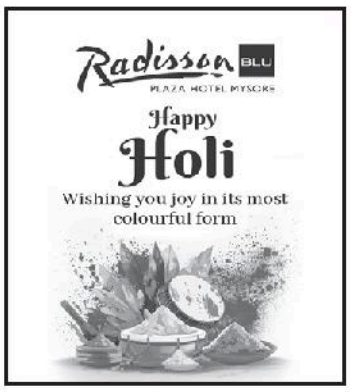

Rs. 22 lakh FRAUD!

Trading con: City doctor loses money in 11 days

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (BS)- In yet another case of online investment fraud, a 29-year-old doctor from the city has lost Rs. 22 lakh to cyber scammers.

According to the FIR registered at Cyber Crime, Economic Offences & Narcotics (CEN) Police Station, the victim, identified as Dr. Ramesh (name changed), a resident of Vijayanagar, was duped within a span of 11 days between Feb. 16 and Feb. 26.

In his complaint on Mar. 2, the doctor stated that he was added to a WhatsApp group *'19 Stock Market Stable Group'* on Jan. 12 by a person, named Vijay Lodha.

The group members conducted a week-long online 'training' on stock trading before providing Ramesh with login credentials through a dedicated link to begin investing. Ramesh was later told that the trading would be carried out under the name *'Elevation Capital Series 1, LP Stock Broker Company.'* Trusting the claims, the doctor transferred Rs. 22 lakh from his SBI account through IMPS and RTGS to various bank accounts provided by the accused.

The fraud came to light when the accused demanded an additional 40 percent of the deposited amount, claiming that the investment account had been frozen by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and that the payment was required to release the funds.

Realising he had been cheated, the doctor contacted the Cyber Crime Helpline (1930) and lodged a complaint. Police have registered a case under Section 66(D) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and Sections 318(4) and 319(2) of BNS, 2023. Further investigation is on.

PG Doctor commits suicide

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MK&BCT)- An in-house Post-Graduate (PG) doctor at K.R. Hospital committed suicide at his house in Subhashnagar, N.R. Mohalla this morning. He has been identified as Dr. Syed Ahmed Saleem (49), originally from Koppal district, settled in Mysuru.

(See PG DOCTOR on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 4th March 2026

Honoured with IEEE PES Outstanding Service Award

Awardee Prof. T. Ananthapadmanabha seen with** (standing from left) **Dr. Sathish, Honorary Secretary, IEEE PES Chapter Bangalore; Dr. Raja Rao, Senior Member, IEEE; Dr. Suresh H. Jangamshetti, Vice-Chair, Haveri University and Chair-Elect, IEEE Bangalore Section and Dr. Gurunath, Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section.

Bengaluru, Mar. 4- Prof. (Dr.) T. Ananthapadmanabha, Founder-Director of the Mysore University School of Engineering, was presented the Outstanding Service Award-2025 by the IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES), Bangalore Chapter, at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, in recognition of his long-standing contributions to power engineering as an academician, researcher, consultant and mentor.

Over several decades, Prof. Ananthapadmanabha has played a significant role in strengthening technical education, guiding research scholars and supporting industry through expert advisory services in power systems engineering.

In his address, he recalled that his interest in electrical engineering began during childhood rural electrification visits with his father. He dedicated the honour to his mentors Prof. K. Parthasarathy and Professor H.P. Khincha, and described receiving the award at IISc — where he once studied — as a deeply memorable event.

He had also served at NIE, VTU Regional Office and Institution of Engineers (India), Mysore Local Centre.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DON'T ALLOW YOUR MIND TO GET SICK: ***I was watching** Sadhna, **a Hindi film from the 1960s directed by B.R. Chopra and starring Sunil Dutt as a college professor. In the film, his widowed mother longs for only son to marry so that she may have a daughter-in-law to care for both him and the household. But Sunil Dutt's character is reluctant. The anxiety and disappointment weigh so heavily on the old lady that she takes to bed. Medication fail to revive her spirits and even doctors seem helpless.***

At this point, one of Sunil Dutt's aunts suggests an unusual solution. Even if he does not truly wish to get married, he could at least bring a girl home so that his mother might pass away peacefully, believing her cherished wish fulfilled. Reluctantly he agrees and a young woman is hired to visit daily for a week, posing as his prospective bride. Lo and behold, things change dramatically. Instead of breathing her last, the old lady begins to recover. Within days, she is out of bed, her eyes bright with purpose, planning the wedding with renewed enthusiasm. Till such time that she was mentally sick, her body refused to cooperate but once she recouped mentally, her body also regained health.

The lesson is simple but profound: even in the worst situations, we should not allow our mind to get sick. That can paralyse our entire body. To remain hopeful even in the worst situation is a great quality as was demonstrated by the Thai football team boys who remained entrapped in the tunnel for good seven days and our own workers who got trapped in the Uttarakhand Tunnel under construction, two years back and could be taken out almost after a month or so.

—Bharatendu Sood in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fifteen years as Britain's political top cat

London: Larry the cat celebrated 15 years as the British government's official rodent-catcher and unofficial first feline, a reassuring presence who has served under six Prime Ministers. Sometimes it seems like they have served under him.

Adopted from London's Battersea Dogs and Cats Home by then Prime Minister David Cameron, Larry entered Downing Street on Feb. 15, 2011. According to a profile on the U.K. Government website, his duties include "greeting guests to the house, inspecting security defences and testing antique furniture for napping quality."

Larry roams freely and has a knack for upstaging world leaders arriving at 10 Downing St.'s famous black door, to the delight of news photographers.

New viral eating hack to lose weight!

Beijing: There is a new viral weight-loss hack sweeping social media and it's a doozy. Young people are putting plastic wrap over their mouths to prevent any calories from making contact with their bodies. They then pretend to chew the food vigorously through the cling film, before taking the food out and throwing it away.

The premise of this bizarre trend is pretty straightforward. The plastic wrap acts as a sort of mouth condom that prevents you from ingesting any calories, while at the same time allowing you to trick your brain into thinking that it is going to receive nutrition. This reportedly helps you feel satiated without actually consuming any calories.

Experts warn that the new trend has all the signs of a major health crisis, as it promotes behaviour that could lead to serious eating disorders like bulimia and anorexia, as it wires the brain to derive pleasure from food's taste and texture without the calories.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Feeling Tired All the Time?

Constant tiredness or weakness may be due to low blood levels (anaemia). A simple blood test can help identify the cause.

By Dr. Giri Punja - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Time limit to file TDS/TCS correction statement

Mysuru, Mar. 4- With the introduction of New Income Tax Act of 2025, which comes into effect from 1.4.2026, an opportunity is given to the Income Tax Deductors (TDS)/Collectors (TCS) to submit TDS/TCS correction statements from FY 2018-19 (Q4) to FY 2023-24 (Q3) before 31.3.2026.

If the correction has not taken place, the ITD will demand the defaults and have to be paid.

From FY 2026-27 onwards only last two FY correction statements can be filed. Therefore, the TAN holders are required to check the defaults, if any, in their Income-Tax TRACES portal *www.tdscpc.gov.in* and file necessary correction statement to avoid default payment.

For detailed information reference may be made to the provisions of the Income Tax Act, Income-Tax Rules, relevant circulars and/or notifications, stated a press release from N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **112.25 feet**	Today's level **2,271.20 feet**	Today's level **2,830.09 feet**
Last year's level **112.20 feet**	Last year's level **2,274.46 feet**	Last year's level **2,835.49 feet**
Yesterday's level **112.47 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,271.36 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.09 feet**
Today's Inflow **226 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **173 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **234 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,781 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Pollia condensata:** An African fruit that is the shiniest living thing on Earth.*
- ***Square Watermelons:** Japanese farmers grow these in boxes for easier storage.*
- ***Miracle Fruit:** This berry makes sour foods (like lemons) taste incredibly sweet.*
- ***Dead Man's Fingers:** A blue, finger-shaped fruit with a sweet, jelly-like pulp.*
- ***Buddha's Hand:** A citrus fruit that looks like a hand with long, yellow fingers.*
- *A fruit salad tree is a single, multi-grafted tree capable of producing 3-6 different types of fruit from the same family (citrus or stone fruit) on separate branches. Ideal for small spaces, these trees allow for an extended, staggered harvest of fruits like oranges, lemons and limes or peaches, plums and nectarines.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A family of mice were surprised by a big cat. Father Mouse jumped and said, "Bow-wow!" The cat ran away. "What was that, Father?" asked Baby Mouse. "WELL, SON, THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN A SECOND LANGUAGE!!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 92.24
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 123.04
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.08
1 Euro	= Rs. 107.16

VOICE OF THE READER

Speakers malfunction at Brindavan Gardens' musical fountain show

Sir,

The Brindavan Gardens at Krishna Raja Sagar Dam (KRS) in nearby Mandya district is one of the most iconic tourist attractions associated with Mysuru.

Every evening, the much-awaited musical fountain show draws large crowds of visitors from across Karnataka, various parts of India and even from abroad. The show is a major highlight for tourists who travel nearly 20 kilometres from the Mysuru city centre, pay toll charges, parking fees and an entry fee of Rs. 100 per person to witness this spectacle.

However, it is disappointing to note that the speaker system used during the musical fountain display is not functioning properly. During my recent visit, the music accompanying the fountain was unclear and distorted, with certain songs producing blurred and disturbing sounds.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. Even during my visit nearly a year ago, the same issue persisted. While a few songs were audible, others were marred by poor sound quality.

Such technical negligence diminishes the overall experience for visitors and creates an unfavourable impression of Karnataka's tourism standards.

Given the significant footfall the Gardens receive daily, especially during weekends and holidays, maintaining high-quality infrastructure is essential.

I request the authorities concerned and the Tourism Department to treat this matter with urgency and either repair or replace the malfunctioning speakers at the earliest.

Ensuring a seamless and enjoyable musical fountain experience will go a long way in preserving the image and reputation of Mysuru and Mandya as a premier tourist destination.

— P. Akhil Kumar
Mysuru
23.2.2026

ACCE(I) Mysore wins Awards

ACCE (I) National President Er. Rajendra Kalbavi** (4th from left) **presenting the awards to** (from left) **Er. K.N. Raju, Er. S.B. Basavaraj, Dr. S. Raviraj, Dr. G.P. Chandradhara, Dr. G.S. Suresh, Er. M.N. Raghu and Er. D. Harish Kumar of ACCE (I), Mysore Centre.

Mysuru, Mar. 4- The Mysore Centre of the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) has won all five prestigious National Awards for 2024-25 at the Annual General Body Meeting held recently at Dhule in Maharashtra.

With a robust national footprint of 52 ACCE (I) Centres across India, the Mysore Centre stood out as a top performer, earning exceptional distinction through the following awards:

Winner in Best Centre, Best Hosting Centre, Most Active Centre and Best Centre in Industry-Institute Relationship; Runner-up in Most Growing Centre.

The awards were received at Dhule by Dr. S. Raviraj and Dr. G.P. Chandradhara, Chairman and Secretary (2024-25). They were accompanied by the present Chairman, Er. S.B. Basavaraj, Past Chairman Dr. G.S. Suresh, members Er. D. Harish Kumar, Er. M.N. Raghu and Er. K.N. Raju.

Design SAFE Colloquium & M.Tech Awards

Mysuru, Mar. 4- The Mysore Centre of Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) in association with Department of Civil Engineering, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, organised the Annual Design SAFE Colloquium on 'Why Structures Fail' recently at IS Seminar Hall, SJCE.

'Design SAFE' serves as a premier academia-industry interaction platform for M.Tech. students specialising in Structural Engineering and Construction Technology & Management.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU, in the presence of Dr. C. Nataraju, Principal (I/C), SJCE and Dean - Engineering & Technology; Er. S.B. Basavaraj, Er. C.S. Srikanth, Dr. B.S. Keerthi Gowda, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of ACCE(I), Mysore and Dr. R Satish, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, SJCE, JSS STU.

Eminent structural engineering professionals from Bengaluru, Er. S. Chandramouleeswar and Er. B.V. Nagesh of Nagesh Consultants, delivered technical presentations.

A technical quiz competition was conducted and top three teams were awarded cash prizes worth Rs. 10,000. The first prize was won by Aabdul Gani and Syed Saad Mustafa (VVCE, Mysuru), second by B.M. Manoj and A.G. Vinayaka (VTU Mysuru Region) and third by Saif Khan and C. Shashank (JSS STU, Mysuru).

On the occasion, M.Tech Theses awards were presented to the winning students who had submitted their theses. Dr. K.C. Manjunath, Principal, NIE, Dr. P. Nanjundaswamy, Controller of Examinations, JSS STU, Dr. G.S. Suresh, Chairman (Awards Committee), Er. S.B. Basavaraj, Er. C.S. Srikanth, Dr. B.S. Keerthi Gowda, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of ACCE(I) Mysore Centre and Dr. R. Satish, HoD of Civil Engineering, SJCE, JSS STU were present.

The winners of Technical Quiz with Quiz organising team & dignitaries.

Dr. K.C. Manjunath, Dr. P. Nanjundaswamy, Dr. G.S. Suresh, Er. S.B. Basavaraj, Er. C.S. Srikanth, Dr. B.S. Keerthi Gowda and Dr. R. Satish seen with M.Tech Theses prize winners.

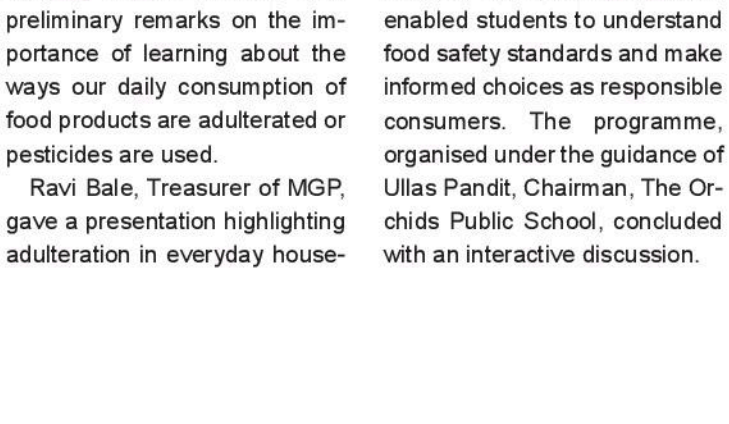
The M.Tech theses, submitted by students, were evaluated by an expert jury comprising Dr. S. Raghunath, Professor (Retd.), BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru and Dr. K.V. Vijayendra, Professor, Atria College of Engineering, Bengaluru.

A total cash prize of Rs. 10,000 was awarded to top three theses. S. Sharanya from NIE won first prize (Rs.5,000) for her research, "Structural Performance Evaluation of NSM GFRP Strengthened Concrete Beams: A Numerical Approach," supervised by Dr. N.C. Balaji.

G.M. Madhushree from JSS STU took second prize (Rs. 3,000) for "Sustainable Concrete Using Bottom Ash as Partial Replacement of Fine Aggregate," guided by Dr. M.C. Nataraja.

Third prize (Rs.2,000) went to Amogh P. Haveri from NIE for "Zeolite-Modified Concrete Under Elevated Temperatures," under the guidance of Dr. N.R. Vadiraj Rao. Around 70 M.Tech students from Mysuru, Mandya and Hassan regions participated.

Food safety and adulteration awareness at Orchids School



Mysuru, Mar. 4- An informative Food Safety and Adulteration Awareness Programme was conducted at The Orchids Public School to educate students on safe food practices and the detection of common adulterants in daily-use items.

With this event, **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)** launched the celebration of **World Consumer Rights Day-2026 (WCRD)** to create greater awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities. WCRD is celebrated on Mar. 15.

The session was opened by Dr. Bhamy Shenoy, Founding Working President of MGP with preliminary remarks on the importance of learning about the ways our daily consumption of food products are adulterated or pesticides are used.

Ravi Bale, Treasurer of MGP, gave a presentation highlighting adulteration in everyday household products and the importance of consumer awareness.

Through a slide presentation he showed how adulteration of some items like butter, tea, dal, etc., can be easily detected in the house. He stressed the need to look for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) label while buying packaged food items to ensure safe products.

FSSAI experts — Dr. Ravindra, Dr. Yeshwant and Deepika, along with Food Safety Officers from rural areas — conducted live demos showing simple methods to identify food adulteration. The practical session enabled students to understand food safety standards and make informed choices as responsible consumers. The programme, organised under the guidance of Ullas Pandit, Chairman, The Orchids Public School, concluded with an interactive discussion.

NEWS BRIEFS

Passing Out Parade on Mar. 7

The Passing Out Parade of 40 probationary women Police Constables of 10th batch will be held at the Parade Grounds of Police Training School in city at 8.30 am on Mar. 7. City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and SP Mallikarjun Baladandi will take part.

Preliminary meeting

A preliminary meeting, in connection with Devara Dasimaiah Jayanti (Mar. 23), Sri Agnibanniraya Jayanti (Mar. 28) and Bhagavan Mahaveer Jayanti (Mar. 31), has been convened at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office tomorrow (Mar. 5). Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju will preside, according to Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

Incredema 2K26 Management Fest

The Departments of Commerce, Management and Economics at St. Philomena's College (Autonomous) will jointly organise Incredema 2K26, a one-day National Management Fest, tomorrow (Mar. 5) from 8 am to 6 pm at the College premises. The Fest will feature events such as Best Entrepreneur, Thinkonomics (Round Table Consensus), HR, Marketing, Finance, Treasure Hunt, Cooking Without Fire, Reel The Real, Squid Games, Group Dance and Ramp Walk. The programme is open to UG students, with no restriction on the number of teams from a college. For registration, contact Ajay (Mob: 73493-96330) or Zuha Sultana (Mob: 98800-20188).

Free health camp for women

As part of International Women's Day celebrations, Anjali Siddesh's Healthcare Ashwini Hospital in Lakshmipuram will be holding free health camp for women on Mar. 7 and 8 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Coaching classes

Netaji Career Academy, having office on Krishna Vilas Road, near Jaganmohan Palace, Devaraja Mohalla, has organised 3-month coaching classes for aspirants appearing for Group-C posts recruitment exam to be conducted by the State Govt. Coaching classes will commence from tomorrow (Mar. 5). For registration call Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611.

Free cancer clinic

A free cancer detection clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on Mar. 5 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Regularise 6,800 Pourakarmikas, demands former Mayor Narayan

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MTY&DM)- Former Mayor Narayan, who is also President of the State City Corporations, CMCs (City Municipal Councils) and TMCs (Town Municipal Councils) Pourakarmika Mahasangha, has urged the State Government to regularise the services of 6,800 contract Pourakarmikas working in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across Karnataka and to address their long-pending demands in the forthcoming State Budget.

Addressing a press meet here recently, Narayan said that Pourakarmikas play a vital role in maintaining public health and hygiene by keeping cities and towns clean.

Former Mayor Narayan addressing a press meet in city recently as others look on.

"Pourakarmikas are facing several issues, which were discussed with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. A memorandum was submitted to the Chief Minister seeking fulfilment of their various demands," he said.

He pointed out that 35,400 Pourakarmikas are currently working under the Direct Payment system. Of these, around 29,000 have had their services regularised. However, the remaining 6,800 contract workers are yet to be regularised, he noted, urging the Government to take immediate steps in this regard.

Mahasangha office-bearers R. Shivanna, Yathiraj, R. Dasu, S. Nagaraj and Srinivas were present at the press meet.

MCC contractors seek payment of pending bills

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MTY&DM)- Seeking payment of long pending bills amounting to Rs. 200 crore, Mysuru City Corporation, MCC Civil Contractors staged a demonstration in front of the MCC office on Sayyaji Rao Road here on Monday.

"We carried out works under various Government schemes in the MCC, borrowing loans from Banks and other financial institutions and even pledged our properties and jewellery. Due to the non-clearance of bills for long, we are unable to repay the loans and subsequently the Banks and other financial institutions have sent notices on attachment of our pledged properties. Besides, taking note of non-payment of loans, the Banks have stopped advancing loans to Contractors executing Government works," the Contractors maintained.

Pointing out that the Karnataka Contractors Association has called for a Statewide strike later this month to demand payment of pending bills amounting to thousands of crores of rupees, the MCC Contractors said, they too will take part in the demonstration to take place at Freedom Park in Bengaluru. They urged the Chief Minister to respond to their plea and take immediate measures for clearing pending bills.

MCC Contractors Assn. President Chandrashekaraiah, Secretary Harshavardhan, Directors Venkatappa, Narayan, Dhananjay, Manjunath and others were present.

'Star hotel has encroached footpath space to sell liquor'

Nazarbad residents submit memorandum to DC

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (BS)- The local residents have urged the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, to vacate the liquor counter of a star hotel, that has been operating by encroaching upon the footpath space on Theobald Road, Nazarbad in city.

In a memorandum submitted to the DC, the residents have alleged that, the hotel management has been misusing the CL-7 license granted to them, to sell liquor. As per rules, the licensee is mandated to sell liquor to customers only inside the hotel. With the liquor counter opened on the footpath, the facility is being misused, they further alleged.

A Women and Child Hospital and a temple are located exactly opposite to the liquor counter. The stretch of road, witnesses heavy traffic density, that is aggravated by the customers who stop and park their vehicles haphazardly to buy liquor, severely affecting the smooth flow of traffic.

The counter space has been built by encroaching upon the footpath space, without seeking any permission of MCC.

Earlier, when the illegality was brought to light, the counter had been closed. Now, the counter has been reopened and strangely Excise Department officers have kept mum, the residents have alleged.

Patient's gold chain, cash stolen at K.R. Hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MK&KS)- A woman patient losing her gold chain and cash at K.R. Hospital, has come to light lately.

The woman, who lost her 6-gram gold chain and cash, valued at Rs. 1 lakh, is Jayamma, a resident of K.R. Pet.

Following illness, Jayamma got herself admitted to K.R. Hospital last month and was undergoing treatment there. As she had to undergo scanning on Feb. 15, Jayamma, who removed the gold chain, placed it in her purse, kept the purse in her vanity bag and kept it near her bed before proceeding for scanning.

When she returned, it was found that her purse was missing from the vanity bag, following which her daughter lodged a complaint at Devaraja Police Station, who are investigating.

One killed, four others injured as car rams into electric pole

All were pursuing their 1st year M.Tech course at VTU

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (PM,MK &KS)- One student was killed while four others sustained serious injuries when the person behind the wheels of the car in which they were travelling lost control of the vehicle and rammed it into an electric pole on the Outer Ring Road, near Manasinagar last night.

While the deceased student has been identified as Sumeeth (23), a native of Raichur, the injured students are Dhananjaya, Revanth, Pavan and Prajwal.

Dhananjaya is said to be in a critical state at a private hospital in city and it is learnt that Prajwal was driving the car, when the accident took place.

All the five students were proceeding in a Maruti Baleno car (KA-09-MC-7926) on the Outer Ring Road & when they were passing via Manasinagar, the speeding car, which went out of control, first rammed into the road divider & then hit the electric pole before coming to a halt.

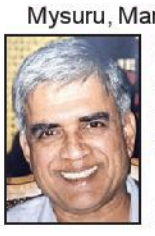
All the five students were immediately rushed to a private hospital where Sumeeth succumbed to injuries.

Siddarthanagar Traffic Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Obituary

Dr. Gerry Pais

Mysuru, Mar. 4- Dr. Gerry Pais



(86), a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Cristilda Pais, daughter Cynthia, sons Jesim and Trideep and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral will be held in city, according to family sources.

Rangaiah

Nanjangud: Rangaiah (95),

a resident of Jeemaralli village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons including Rangaswamy (President of Suttur Gram Panchayat) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the village.

MRI facility at Super Speciality Hospital by month-end: MLA

One more ICU at Cheluvamba Hospital; full-scale services available at all MMC&RI hospitals

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MK&BCT)- Hospitals under the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), including K.R. Hospital, Trauma Care Centre, Super Speciality Hospital and PKTB Hospital, are providing full-scale and comprehensive treatment services, said MLA K. Harishgowda.

Addressing reporters after a review meeting with MMC&RI officials and senior doctors yesterday, he said a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facility will become operational at the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital on KRS Road by the end of this month.

Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Kotak Mahindra Bank, an MRI machine worth Rs. 8 crore will be installed at the hospital, enabling the public to access MRI scanning services at both K.R. Hospital and the Super Speciality Hospital.

Cheluvamba and Kidwai Memorial

Cheluvamba Hospital currently has two ICU units. With a grant of Rs. 52 lakh, an additional ICU will be constructed to help reduce maternal and infant mortality. A rest area for attendants of patients has also been built.

The MLA said that a unit of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, on the lines of its Bengaluru facility, will soon be functional in Mysuru. The building construction has been completed and will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister once the medical equipment is installed.

Construction of the Nephro-Urology and Endocrinology blocks is underway and is expected to be completed within three months.

A Critical Care Unit (CCU) is nearing completion, while a separate Out-Patient Department (OPD) block is expected to ease patient congestion. Advanced kidney treatment using Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL) has already commenced.

Renovation concerns at K.R. Hospital

The previous State Government had sanctioned Rs. 89 crore for renovation works at K.R. Hospital. However, following complaints about substandard work, an inspection revealed lapses. Contractors will not be paid in full until deficiencies are rectified, the MLA claimed.

There is no shortage of medicines in city hospitals, including K.R. Hospital, the MLA said. A minor shortage of dialysis-related medicines at the District Hospital has since been addressed.

Doctors have been directed to prescribe only medicines available in hospital pharmacies and refrain from referring patients to private clinics. Strict attendance during duty hours has also been made mandatory, MLA Harishgowda said.

Security strengthened

Security has been tightened across all MMC&RI Hospitals. Additional male security personnel have been deployed and more CCTV cameras are being installed to enhance surveillance.

Among those present at the meeting were MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Council members Dr. Mahadev, Dr. Sunil, Tanuja Mahesh and CEO Mahesh, along with Medical Superintendents Dr. Shobha (K.R. Hospital), Dr. Sudha (Cheluvamba Hospital) and Dr. Prashanth (PKTB Hospital) among others.

A view of Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Princess Krishnajammanni Trauma Care Centre on KRS Road.

Request for permanent staff

"A list of vacant posts in hospitals under the Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute has been prepared and submitted to the Government. We have sought approval for appointment of permanent staff, including technicians."

— K. Harishgowda, MLA, Chamaraja

Doctors' strike not to affect MMC&RI Hospitals

"The indefinite strike called by the Karnataka Government Doctors' Association is over certain service-related demands.

However, hospitals under the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), including K.R. Hospital, Trauma Care Centre, Super Speciality Hospital and PKTB Hospital, will continue to function normally. There will be no disruption of services."

— Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute

Outside and inside view of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology coming up on KRS Road in city.

Interview of the Week

Straight drive with Sujith Somasundar

'Building a healthy cricket ecosystem is our priority'

One of the most prolific cricketers produced by Karnataka, **Sujith Somasundar** represented the country in ODIs before bringing down the curtains on an illustrious playing career in 2007.

He later moved into coaching, serving as the head coach of Kerala cricket team and as Head of Education at National Cricket Academy, Bengaluru. A certified sports psychologist, Sujith Somasundar has mentored several athletes over the years. He is now at the helm as Vice-President of Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), focusing on strengthening cricketing infrastructure to ensure that not only players, but also umpires, scorers and other technical personnel from the State get opportunities at the national level.

Star of Mysore caught up with Sujith Somasundar for a brief chat during his recent visit to Srikantadatta Narasimharaja (SDNR) Wadiyar Stadium at Manasagangothri. **Excerpts…**

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

> "If you have failed, it is not the end. It is a learning opportunity. There is only success and learning and there is no failure as such. When things don't go your way, it gives you feedback about what needs improvement. Failure, in that sense, is nothing but feedback."

Star of Mysore (SOM): What is the main focus of new KSCA management committee?

Sujith Somasundar: Cricket is, of course, our main focus. We are all cricketers, and if we have stepped into administration, it is to give back to the game that has given us everything. It has given me my life.

Our priorities include cricket development, creating opportunities and bringing integrity and transparency into the system. Today, there are numerous opportunities within the cricketing ecosystem, not just for players, but also for coaches, umpires, scorers and referees. If we build a healthy ecosystem, everyone will have the chance to grow, scale up and develop.

SOM: Not many from Karnataka have made it to the BCCI panel, be it umpires or scorers. What has KSCA planned to ensure greater representation at the top level?

Sujith Somasundar: That's a good question. As I mentioned earlier, our mandate is to create opportunities for the entire ecosystem, not just cricketers. One way to achieve this is by establishing a knowledge centre where professional development activities are conducted periodically.

Through seminars, workshops and certification programmes, coaches and match officials can enhance their skills. When they improve and develop professionally, recognition will naturally follow, opening doors to BCCI panels. For this reason, we have decided to conduct professional development programmes.

SOM: With women's cricket receiving a lot of attention, does KSCA have plans to further strengthen the segment and ensure more talent emerges from the State?

Sujith Somasundar: Women's cricket has become one of the primary focus areas for BCCI. KSCA, too, has decided to introduce more structured tournaments and league matches to ensure there are sufficient opportunities for girls and women cricketers to compete and showcase their talent.

SOM: In Mysuru, you advised players to adapt to red-ball cricket to make it easier to play white-ball cricket. But at the local level, white-ball matches are not common. How can players adapt to higher levels?

Sujith Somasundar: If it were the other way around, it might have been a concern. Since red-ball cricket is being played regularly, cricketers always have that foundation. As you know, today's players approach the game aggressively; the colour of the ball does not drastically change their mindset. They play their shots whether it is the red ball or the white ball.

Of course, not every red-ball cricketer will automatically become a successful white-ball player. But a strong grounding in the red-ball format certainly helps them adapt. Going forward, we should also look at organising at least one white-ball tournament to bridge that gap.

SOM: You are a certified sports psychologist. What is your advice to cricketers to ensure their morale does not dip when performances go through a lean patch or when they miss out on team selection?

Sujith Somasundar: It is very important to learn how to deal with setbacks and failures. During low phases, many of us tend to over-analyse and start questioning whether we are good enough. That self-doubt is what pulls you down.

What a sports psychologist teaches a sportsperson is to examine those negative thoughts and convert them into positive ones. If you have failed, it is not the end. It is a learning opportunity. There is only success and learning and there is no failure as such. When things don't go your way, it gives you feedback about what needs improvement. Failure, in that sense, is nothing but feedback.

SOM: When can we expect cricket to return to M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru?

Sujith Somasundar: Hopefully, very soon. From the KSCA's side, we have done everything possible to bring cricket back to the stadium. We have secured approvals from the State Government, which had earlier imposed a ban on hosting international and major matches.

The Karnataka Government, led by the Chief Minister, the Home Minister and the entire team, along with other agencies, has been supportive of international cricket returning to Bengaluru.

Approval has already been granted and we are in constant touch with the authorities. We are also working towards implementing the recommendations of the Justice John Michael D'Cunha Commission to ensure all necessary safety protocols are in place.

SOM: Thank you so much, sir.

Sujith Somasundar: Thank you.

DC lauds ZP CEO for his good work style

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (SPN&BS)- Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy heaped praises on Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) S. Ukesh Kumar, for the better functioning of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department under his leadership and for emerging as the Best IAS officer in the State.

DC Reddy was addressing the gathering at the valedictory of Mysuru District RDPR Sports Meet and Cultural Programmes, after distributing prizes to the winners of various competitions, at Kalamandira in city recently.

The programme was organised by ZP, RDPR Dept. Officers and Employees Association in association with Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES).

"I was happy to have served as the ZP CEO earlier, as the RDPR Department functions closer to the people in improving their lives. So, the employees of the Department should work in a people-friendly manner," added DC.

He also lauded the way two-day sports meet and cultural programmes had been organised without giving room for any complaints. The staging of mythological play, dance, rendition of folk songs and several other programmes were presented well, he said.

ZP CEO Ukesh Kumar said, the employees of all Gram Panchayats (GPs), who took part in the 2-day event, should balance both their profession and passion towards the field of art. They should work with the same enthusiasm in GPs too, he added.

ZP Deputy Secretary B.M. Savita, Bheemappa K. Lali, Chief Planning Officer K. Prabhu Swamy, Chief Accounts Officer Siddagangamma, Executive Officers S.P. Dharanesh, C. Krishna, Prem Kumar, V.P. Kuldeep, A.N. Ravi, K. Hongaiah, Suneel Kumar, K. Rangaswamy, District President of Panchayat Development Officers Association K. Rukmangada, Prakash and others were present.

K.R. Hospital PG Doctor commits suicide

(Continued from page 1)

Dr. Saleem

According to Narasimharaja Police, Dr. Syed Ahmed Saleem was suffering from depression for some time and was irregular at work.

Dr. Syed was fasting for Ramzan and as per traditions, he had pre-fasting food with his family at 4 am, but was found hanging in his room at 7.30 am. Police said that he was under depression since some time as he did not have children even after 19 years of marriage. The couple had adopted a child six months ago.

Narasimharaja In-Charge Inspector Kumar and team visited the house and conducted a mahazar. Dr. Syed's body has been shifted to the mortuary of Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) and will be handed over to the family members after the post-mortem.

Retired Forest Dept. employee killed in road accident

Basavaraju

Periyapatna, Mar. 4 (Veeresh, BRR&KS)- A retired Forest Department employee was killed when a goods vehicle collided head-on with his bike near Apatur Gate yesterday.

The deceased is Basavaraju (65), a resident of Boodhitittu village in the taluk.

Yesterday afternoon, Basavaraju was proceeding on his bike from Periyapatna side towards Boodhitittu village when watermelon laden a goods vehicle (KA-45-A-5306), which was proceeding from Gonikoppa towards Periyapatna, collided head-on with the bike leaving Basavaraju with serious injuries to his right leg and head. He was immediately rushed to the Periyapatna General Hospital, where he succumbed to injuries.

Basavaraju leaves behind his wife, son Ravichandra (President of Taluk Journalists Association and Member of Chowthi Gram Panchayat) and a host of relatives and friends.

Post-mortem was conducted yesterday evening and the body was handed over to the family members.

Last rites were held at the village this afternoon.

Periyapatna Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Stadium plan to hit silk production: KSIC report

33% green cover mandatory to safeguard Mysore Silk's GI tag, says technical report

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (BCT)- A technical report submitted to the State Government by the General Manager of the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Filature Factory at T. Narasipur and the Managing Director of KSIC has stated that the entire 13.11 acres of factory land is essential for silk production and that construction of a stadium within the premises would seriously jeopardise operations.

Of the total extent, 5.08 acres have been handed over to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) for the proposed taluk stadium. The report, dated Dec. 24, 2025, cautioned against alienating the land. However, after taking possession, DYES laid boundary stones for the stadium on Feb. 20.

According to the report, the Filature unit requires the full extent of land for its core activities, including transportation of 150 to 200 metric tonnes of coal from Andhra Pradesh, pumping of water and handling consignments of two to three tonnes of silk cocoons sourced from places including Ramanagara, Kollegala and Shidlaghatta.

No space for coal yard

The report noted that the boundary demarcation has already disrupted logistics, as coal-laden vehicles can no longer access the half-acre coal yard near the boiler section, as the DYES has marked the stadium boundaries. The factory operates 5-tonne-per-hour and 2-tonne-per-hour boilers that together consume 4.5 to 5 tonnes of coal daily.

Land transferred for the stadium includes the coal yard, a half-acre cinder ash dumping yard, employee parking space and a guest house that has to be demolished if the stadium is constructed.

Brass pipeline to be cut

The report further pointed out that when the Wadiyars established the Filature Factory, an underground brass pipeline was laid to draw flowing water from the Kapila river, located about 1.5 km away. Brass was chosen to prevent rusting as iron pipelines could lead to corrosion and adversely affect the quality of silk yarn.

An uninterrupted water supply is vital for maintaining yarn quality and ensuring smooth functioning of machinery, the report said, expressing concern that stadium construction would cut the pipeline, a critical infrastructure.

It also highlighted KSIC's plans to install additional automatic reeling machines and a new 5-tonne-per-hour boiler to process an additional 2,000 kg of cocoons.

GI tag under threat

As mandated by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), the factory requires nearly one acre to establish an Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) for recycling used water, in addition to maintaining a compulsory green zone covering 33 percent of the total area to retain its prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) certification. The green cover also helps absorb heat generated by the cocoon boilers.

Without these facilities, the report warned, both the factory's operations and its GI certification could be at risk. Failure to maintain the stipulated green zone may even result in the loss of the coveted GI tag for Mysore Silk, it cautioned.

KSIC land final for stadium: MLC Dr. Yathindra

Dr. Yathindra

T. Narasipur, Mar. 4 (SK&BCT)- Amid growing opposition to the proposed stadium on the premises of the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Filature Factory at T. Narasipur, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah has made it clear that the project will go ahead at the same location.

His statement comes even as Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had indicated that the stadium would be shifted to an alternative location if silk production was affected.

Speaking to reporters at Old Thirumakudalu yesterday, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah said that the Revenue Department has already transferred the land to the Sports Department and there is no proposal to relocate the stadium project. At the same time, he assured that the KSIC factory would not be closed under any circumstances.

The stadium, he said, is intended to benefit local youth by providing better training facilities and encouraging sporting talent.

Emphasising that KSIC is a Government-run unit providing employment to hundreds of workers, he said shutting it down would harm both employees and the local economy. "We will not allow the factory to close," he asserted.

He also dismissed reports suggesting that the factory would be shut, terming them misleading and unnecessary. While acknowledging that workers have raised certain technical concerns, he said that the officials had examined alternative sites before identifying five acres within the KSIC premises as the most suitable. "If there are still doubts, let us sit and discuss them," he said, adding that technical issues would be addressed and workers reassured.

Asked whether the stadium would indeed come up on the same land, Dr. Yathindra replied, "Yes, it will be built there."

THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

I am sixty plus but my phone thinks otherwise

At 60 plus, I do not feel old. I walk every morning. I crack the same jokes I have always cracked. I even know what a meme is, within limits. But my phone, that sleek and quietly superior rectangle I bought last month, appears to have formed a different opinion of me.

I bought a new smartphone not because I wanted one but because my old phone finally gave up. It had tolerated years of gentle neglect; forgotten passwords, ignored software updates and a charging cable that worked only when held at a precise angle I had discovered by accident and could never fully replicate. The new phone looked harmless enough. Smooth, shiny and apparently smarter than anyone I know. I thought, how hard can it be.

Those are my famous last words on this subject.

The setup process began with a request for my Apple ID. Then my Google login. Then a two-factor authentication code sent to an email account I had apparently created in 2011 and not opened since. Every screen introduced a new term: widgets, biometrics, sync, cloud. The cloud, I have since learned, is where my photographs now reside, floating somewhere in a digital sky to which I have no reliable access.

After 45 minutes of tapping, swiping and conducting a quiet conversation with the phone that it was not designed to hear, I called my son. He walked over. Tapped the screen three times. Said, done. No manual. No tutorial. No visible distress. He then showed me Face ID, which means the phone now looks at my face every morning and confirms, with what I can only interpret as mild resignation, that it is me again.

I have since become that person. The one who begins every sentence with, can you help me with this app. My son is now my unpaid, increasingly patient, occasionally sighing technical support. Each time I ask for help, he responds with the calm of a man who has answered this question before and fully expects to answer it again. You just swipe up and hold, he says.

I swipe. I hold. I arrive at a screen showing the weather in a city I have never visited and an alert informing me that my storage is 98% full. I hand the phone back. He fixes it in two seconds and walks away. No explanation. No debrief. The quiet confidence of someone who finds none of this interesting.

I am not alone in this. My friend Ravi still uses a Nokia from 2009. It makes calls and does not have opinions, he says and I understand exactly what he means. He treats modern smartphones the way one might treat an uninvited guest who has taken over the living room and rearranged the furniture. Then there is Anjali, who bought a tablet and uses it exclusively to play Solitaire. The icons keep moving, she once told me. It is like they are trying to escape. She is not wrong.

Many of us suffer in silence. In meetings, when someone says just share it in the drive or toggle it in the settings, we nod with quiet authority and Google the words later, alone. We are not lost. We are operating in a second language that no one formally taught us and we are doing our best.

There is something genuinely humbling about being declared technologically obsolete while feeling otherwise perfectly functional. It is not that we cannot learn. It is that no one prepared us for the pace. One day we were mastering email. The next, someone asked us to log in to the refrigerator.

Technology keeps describing itself as intuitive. I would like to know for whom. The other day I tried to set a timer and added a dental appointment to my calendar instead. I now have a reminder next Thursday for a cleaning I did not schedule. The gadgets have a tone I find difficult to warm to. Are you sure you want to delete this? Yes. Item permanently deleted. Wait. Undo? Too late. The interaction has the quality of a bureaucratic counter where the person on the other side is perfectly polite and entirely unmoved.

Here is what I have concluded. I am a tech idiot. And this is fine. I do not need to know everything. I need to know someone who does. The practical solution is to keep a tech-literate person within reach and maintain the relationship through coffee, gratitude and the occasional exaggerated sigh that communicates I really have tried.

We are not failing. We are adapting, at a pace that suits us. We have, after all, gone from cassette tapes to streaming, typewriters to voice-to-text and phones that only made calls to phones that monitor our sleep and judge our screen time. This is not a small journey. And we have made it without combusting.

I may be getting older and my phone may be smarter than me. But I have more stories than its memory can hold. I still remember phone numbers. I know what a payphone is. I have survived faxes, beepers and Windows 95. I have earned the right to be puzzled by Bluetooth.

And when I get truly stuck, I have learned there is a phrase that resolves almost everything. “Can you just fix this for me?”

It works every time.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Gandhi Shilp Bazaar: 152nd Handicrafts Exhibition at JSS Mysore Urban Haat

Mysuru, Mar. 4- Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, the 152nd Handicrafts Exhibition and Sale, has been organised at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal, Mysuru, under the sponsorship of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi.

The 10-day expo and sale will be inaugurated at JSS Urban Haat, a unit of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, on Mar. 6 at 4 pm by Mysuru SP Mallikarjun Baladandi. The Bazaar will remain open to public from 10.30 am to 9 pm till Mar. 15.

The State-level Gandhi Shilp Bazaar will feature 70 stalls, bringing together skilled artisans and handloom weavers from various States across India. JSS Mysore Urban Haat has successfully organised 151 exhibitions so far and this marks its 152nd edition, continuing its tradition of promoting Indian handicrafts and handlooms.

Products on display: Artisans will showcase and sell a wide range of authentic handicrafts and handloom products, including wood carvings and stone sculptures, Bronze idols and traditional wooden inlay art, Terracotta pottery and paper crafts, carpets and cotton jamakkhanas, imitation jewellery and lacquered wooden artifacts, Batik and Kalamkari, Paintings, Artistic leather products and handcrafted footwear, Channapatna toys, Embroidery works. Maheshwari and Chanderi sarees (Madhya Pradesh), Madhubani paintings (Bihar), Pattachitra art (Odisha), Silver filigree items, Bamboo and cane products (Assam), Dry flower crafts, Chikankari embroidery (Uttar Pradesh), Artistic stone artifacts, Phulkari textiles (Punjab), Katha sarees (West Bengal) and many more.

All products will be available directly from artisans to customers, ensuring authentic quality at affordable prices, without any intermediaries. Participating artisans are provided free stalls, along with travel allowance and daily allowance, supported by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Cricket returns to Chinnaswamy Stadium

RCB to play 5 home matches; Bengaluru to host IPL-2026 final

Bengaluru, Mar. 4 (Agencies)- Defending Indian Premier League (IPL) champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) yesterday confirmed that five of their home matches in the upcoming Indian Premier League-2026 season will be played at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, marking a full-fledged return to their traditional home venue.

The franchise said that the development follows months of coordination with various authorities to facilitate the hosting of matches in the city. The remaining two home fixtures of RCB's IPL 2026 campaign will be staged at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium in Raipur, in line with prior commitments.

RCB expressed gratitude to Karnataka Government, the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) and the Karnataka Police for their guidance and cooperation in ensuring the return of matches to Bengaluru.

Rajesh Menon, CEO of Royal Challengers Bengaluru, said that Chinnaswamy Stadium represents more than just a venue for the team.

"It is where our identity as a team truly comes alive. The energy our fans bring to Bengaluru has always been a driving force for our players," he said.

Meanwhile, KSCA Secretary Santhosh Menon said, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has committed to allotting a crucial playoff fixture and the title clash to the city, marking a major boost for cricket fans in Karnataka.

"The play-off will be played in Bengaluru. And the biggest news is the final of the IPL will also be played in Bengaluru," he said, while confirming that five league games have also been awarded to the venue. He added that the city's cricket calendar will begin with the inaugural ceremony, the date of which is expected to be announced shortly, followed by the opening match, five league fixtures, a playoff and the final.

"This is what the BCCI has committed to us, and probably they'll announce their schedule shortly. We're looking forward to these announcements from the BCCI, from the Governing Council and from RCB," Santhosh said.

Padmapriya selected for U-14 Indian tennis team

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (VNS)- City's tennis prodigy Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar has been selected for the U-14 Indian Tennis Girls team to represent the country in the ITF Asia 14 and Under Development Championship-2026 Finals to be held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from Mar. 28 to Apr. 10.

She will also represent the country in ITF World Junior Team Competition - Final Qualifying Event-2026 to be held at Kuching, Malaysia, from Apr. 21 to 26.

Padmapriya is currently ranked India No. 1 (AITA Ranking) and Asia No. 2 (ATF Ranking) in the U-14 Girls category.

Daughter of Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forests (Project Tiger), Mysuru and Dr. Malathi Priya, Chief Conservator of Forests (Chamarajanagar Circle), Padmapriya trains under coach Raghuveer Ponnuswamy, Pawan and Sagar (fitness coach) in Mysuru. She is a student of Class 8 at Excel Public School, Mysuru.

Padmapriya

UoM shines at Karnataka State Games Boxing Championship

The University of Mysore (UoM) boxers clinched 16 medals at Karnataka State Games Boxing (men & women) Championship 2026 organised by Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association (KABA), in association with Karnataka Olympic Association (KOA) and the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) at Government Junior College Grounds in Tumakuru recently. Seen are (standing from left) *Mohammad Ayan (gold medal), Lakshith Singh (bronze medal), Manohar Nayak (bronze medal), M.C. Ullas Gowda (gold medal), Mysore District Amateur Boxing Association Joint Secretary Chandrukumar, UoM Boxing Coach S. Jaswanth, Team Coach K. Guruprasad, N. Likith (bronze medal), P. Shamith (bronze medal), S.M. Ganesh and B.G. Siddharth (silver medal);* (sitting from left) *N.L. Durgha Bhavani (silver medal), Druthi Uttam (bronze medal), C.H. Spoorthi (gold medal), Roshani Muthanna (gold medal), R. Mahalakshmi (bronze medal), M. Spoorthi Mallik (bronze medal) and Bindhushree (gold medal).*

Excel in Throwball Tournament

The girls throwball team of Al-Kareem School, Mysuru, has bagged third place in the Throwball Tournament at the Sports Meet organised by Vidya Vikas School in city recently. The team, coached by Fazal Ansari, also received a cash prize of Rs. 10,000. The throwball team comprised Rimsha Kounain, Umme Kulsum, Hafiza Mohammedi, Shaziya Banu, Tanziya Banu, Sadiya, Maha Leqha Noorie, Faqiya Aanisa, Tasmiya Fathima, Fathima Zoya, Sumaiya Banu and Zoya Jan.

'Plea for swimming pool'

K.V. Mallesh

Mysuru, Mar. 4- Former Corporator and Anikethana Seva Trust President K.V. Mallesh has urged authorities to initiate measures to construct swimming pool at Maralawadi lake area located near Kuvempunagar to meet the growing demand of the residents.

"Kuvempunagar is home for many educational institutions, business and sports coaching centres. With city growing every day, the authorities must work towards providing necessary facilities. Students, youths and other interested public have been demanding for a swimming pool in the area."

"The authorities, who cleared the encroachments at Malarawadi Lake area, have constructed a park after late Saalumaradda Thimmakka and a part of the land has been allotted to ISKCON Temple. The remaining part of the land is being used to dump solid waste and there is every chance of land encroachment in the future."

"The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) must initiate measures to construct a swimming pool under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to make use of the land," he said.

Mallesh urged the Mysuru City Corporation to make provisions in the upcoming Budget.

He also suggested that constructing a sophisticated swimming pool would avoid children and youths from visiting lakes, canals and rivers for a swim, especially during summer.

"Constructing swimming pools will also avoid causalities which have been reported often where children and youth have lost their lives drowning in lakes, wells and rivers," he added.

The facility will also benefit the children of the locality, who will be taking part in swimming competitions and also fitness enthusiasts who want to practice swimming.

T20 ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP INDIA & SRI LANKA 2026

TODAY'S MATCH [MAR. 4]

SEMI FINAL - 1

South Africa Vs **New Zealand**
Venue: Eden Gardens, Kolkata
Time: 7 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH [MAR. 5]

SEMI FINAL - 2

India Vs **England**
Venue: Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
Time: 7 pm

Catch the live action on Star Sports Network and JioHotstar

WORD OF THE DAY

Gongoozler

Pronunciation: gɒŋˈguːzlə (noun).
Meaning: An idle spectator.
Origin: "Gongoozler" is a late 19th or early 20th-century term of uncertain, likely British, origin, referring to an idle person who watches canal boat activity. It is believed to stem from Lincolnshire dialect words, gawn and gooze, both meaning to stare or gape. The term was popularised by L.T.C. Rolt's 1944 book Narrow Boat. The term first appeared in 1904 Glossary of Canal Terms in Bradshaw's Canals and Navigable Rivers of England and Wales, defined as an idle and inquisitive person watching canal activity.
Example: While once derogatory, it is now used fondly or ironically by enthusiasts, often called "gongoozling."

THE ODD WORD

Galanty

Shadow play.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Go for broke

Meaning: You use the expression 'Go for broke' to indicate that you're going to take a big risk, even if it means losing everything in the process.
Origin: "Go for broke" originated in the 1940s from Hawaiian Pidgin, specifically the game of craps, where it meant wagering all of one's money on a single roll. It was adopted as the official motto of the U.S. Army's 442nd Infantry Regiment, a highly decorated unit of Japanese-American soldiers during WWII... Not surprisingly, the term 'Go for broke' comes from gambling, where people bet all of their money in the hope of winning more.
Example: "I've been known to go for broke while playing Monopoly; I usually buy as many hotels as I can."

QUOTE BOX

Women are the social conscience of a country. They hold our societies together.—**Rajiv Gandhi**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Up to no good.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2	5	9	7	1	4	3	8	6
8	7	3	6	4	5	9	1	2
1	4	2	3	8	9	6	5	7
6	9	5	2	7	1	8	3	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

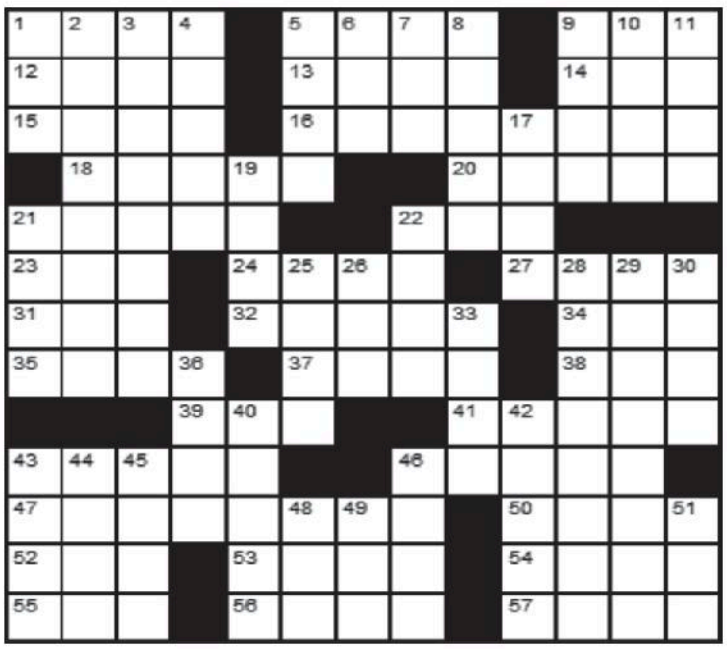
1 Church part
5 In a tizzy
9 Mineral spring resort
12 Spanish surrealist painter
13 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
14 Golfer's standard
15 _ __ state of affairs: unfortunate circumstances (1,3)
16 Decorating
18 Ragouts
20 Latin American dance
21 Former India wicket-keeper Ajay ____
22 Mine and thine
23 A female sheep
24 A herb
27 Small measure
31 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
32 "Peer Gynt" author
34 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
35 Talkative bird
37 Jittery
38 An objectionable word, perhaps!
39 160 in Roman numerals
41 Little Eleanor
43 Attractive - colloquially speaking
46 Filthy places in which pigs dwell
47 Staunch follower
50 Ex-English wicket keeper Leslie ___
52 Modern prefix
53 ___ facto : by that very fact ?
54 Spoilsport
55 London's ___ Gardens
56 Personnel aboard ship
57 American National Standards Inst.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	A	I	S	■	A	C	M	E	■	S	S	W
O	N	D	E	■	S	H	A	N	G	H	A	I
F	I	L	L	■	N	E	S	T	L	I	N	G
F	L	Y	L	E	A	F	■	R	A	V	I	■
■	■	■	E	R	G	■	M	A	D	E	T	O
A	C	C	R	A	■	T	I	P	■	R	I	D
P	A	E	S	■	H	E	X	■	D	E	S	I
E	R	N	■	D	A	N	■	W	I	D	E	N
R	I	O	T	E	D	■	N	O	S	■	■	■
■	A	T	O	M	■	R	O	O	T	I	N	G
S	P	A	R	E	R	I	B	■	O	D	E	A
A	P	P	R	A	I	S	E	■	R	E	A	L
P	A	H	■	N	O	E	L	■	T	A	T	E

DOWN

1 Girl's name
2 Die or perish, elapse (4,4)
3 Slovenly woman, slut or prostitute
4 Large sea-duck
5 The first king of Phliasia
6 Go about idly or in search of pleasure
7 Exclamation of surprise
8 Renowned percussionist Trilok ____
9 Revolve around an axle
10 Painful emotion
11 Jason's vessel
17 Ex-Indian captain ___ Contractor
19 Arabian watercourse
21 Quantity of paper
22 Couturier Cassini
25 Mountain goat
26 Landing ship deck, acronym
28 Peer or lord
29 Warships of a kind
30 Intensely dislike
33 Russian denial
36 Throb, pain?
40 Expressing emotions
42 Type of climbing and twining plant
43 Unpleasantly moist or humid
44 ___ fixe (an obsession)
45 A spectacle or pageant
46 Put away
48 Eng. Press. Ratio
49 Natl. Stock Exchg.
51 Glide over snow



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KXP ZPI KL YXWKPMPU NGDDPNN F PBOLI

KLQWI FN: QLB'K WNZ. QL.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: All truth passes through 3 stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

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	(S-2)	10.30 am
Theri (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Screem 7 (E)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Vishnu Vinyasam (Te)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Kanna Muche (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Veera Kambala (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Son of (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Masthishka Maranam (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	(S-4)	4 pm, 9.45 pm

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The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm
Super Hit (K)	:	1.20 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Sarala Subbarao (K)	:	1.30 pm
Kanna Muchhe (K)	:	4.45 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Scream 7 (E)	:	11.20 am
		5.25 pm
		10.30 pm
Theri (Ta)	:	12 noon
Alpha Men Love Vengeance (K)	:	12.20 pm
Super Hit (K)	:	1.25 pm
		7.25 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	3.05 pm
		9 pm
Veera Kambala (K)	:	3.15 pm
Arco (French)	:	3.20 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	4.15 pm
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (E)	:	5 pm
O' Romeo (H)	:	6.25 pm
Masthishka Maranam (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	8 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	10 pm
Tere Naam (H)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	12 noon, 6.10 pm
Scream 7 (E)	:	1.05 pm, 6.40 pm
Veera Kambala (K)	:	3 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Super Hit (K)	:	5 pm, 9 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	7.50 pm
Vishnu Vinyasam (Te)	:	9.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 4)

- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Special Discourse on 'Rukmiksha Vijaya' by Vid. Kheda Vedavyasachar, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Parampare, Mysuru and Sudharma - Sanskrit Daily Newspaper:** Lectures on 'Paduka Sahasram of Sri Vedanta Desika (1269- 1369)' by eminent Sanskrit Scholar Vid. Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, BSS Vidyodaya auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 99860-37311 or 99800-27696]

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EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 5)

- **Departments of Commerce, Management and Economics, St. Philomena's College:** Incredema 2K26, a one-day National Management Fest, College premises, **8 am to 6 pm.**
- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Panache Styles, Mysuru:** Fashion exhibition, Grand Mercure, Sayyaji Rao Road, Bamboo Bazar, **11 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru City Corporation (MCC):** Inauguration of office of the Guarantee Scheme Implementation Committee, MCC Main Office, **4 pm.**
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		7.10 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	1.30 pm
		4.20 pm
		9.30 pm
Scream 7 (E)	:	3.50 pm
		10 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	4.05 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	7.05 pm
Athadu (Te)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kanna Muchhe (K)	:	12.45 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	1 pm
		7.10 pm
Veera Kambala (K)	:	1.20 pm
Scream 7 (E)	:	3.50 pm
		9.30 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	4.30 pm
Masthishka Maranam (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Super Hit (K)	:	6.25 pm
Fourth Floor (Ta)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Natl. Seminar at Mahajana FGC

Mysuru, Mar. 4- The Department of English and IQAC, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru, has organised a one-day National Seminar on 'Between Traditions and Transitions: Cartographing Women's Voices in Contemporary Indian Literature and Cinema' tomorrow (Mar. 5) at 10 am at AVC–II, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru.

The Seminar aims to critically explore women's voices, agency and identity in contemporary Indian literature and cinema, highlighting feminist perspectives and cultural transitions.

The inaugural and keynote address 'Step Out & Speak Up: Women in Literature' will be delivered by Dr. Kavery Nambisan, renowned surgeon and novelist and the session will be presided over by Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, Mahajana Education Society, Mysuru.

Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari and CEO and Academic Advisor Dr. S.R. Ramesh will be present.

The academic sessions will feature eminent scholars including Prof. Vijay Sheshadri, Dr. H. Kalpana Rao and Dr. H.K. Shivalingaswamy, covering themes related to autobiography, feminist negotiations and women's representation in cinema.

The valedictory session will be presided over by Prof. C. Nirmala Prakash.

The seminar seeks to create a vibrant interdisciplinary platform for critical engagement with women's narratives, cultural representation, and contemporary social realities, benefiting students, research scholars, teachers, and academicians across disciplines.

Spot registrations can be availed between 9 am and 9.45 am, according to a press release from Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari.

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